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SUBJECT: REACTION TO PRC MIG DEFECTION

1. WIDELY PUBLICIZED NEWS OF THE PRC MIG DEFECTION HAS BEEN EAGERLY CONSUMED HERE AND HAS ACTED AS AN ANTIDOTE TO THE GENERAL DEPRESSION WHICH FOLLOWED THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF LAST WEEK. NO TIME WAS LOST IN PUBLICIZING THE DEFECTION. EXTRA SINGLE-PAGE EDITIONS OF MAJOR LOCAL PAPERS WERE BEING SOLD IN THE STREET LESS THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE PLANE LANDED AT TAINAN. BY NOON THE NEXT DAY, A JAZZY SONG OF WELCOME TO THE PILOT HAD BEEN COMPOSED AND WAS BEING BROADCAST ON THE AIRWAYS.

2. THE DEFECTION IS BEING INTERPRETED BY SOME AS A WELCOME SLAP AT AMERICAN CHINA POLICY. A CARTOON IN THE JULY 8 VERNACULAR UNITED DAILY NEWS SHOWS PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE (WITH A "NORMALIZATION" LABEL) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEING BOWLED OVER BY AN INCOMING MIG-19 LABELED "HUMAN RIGHTS" AND "TOTAL DIPLOMACY." THE CARTOON IS CAPTIONED "WE WANT TO GET IN WHILE HE WANTS TO GET OUT."

3. WE EXPECT THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL PRESS TO CONTINUE TO MAKE PROPAGANDA HAY WITH THE DEFECTION. THE NEWS CONFERENCE FOR THE PILOT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8 AFTERNOON

SHOULD PROVIDE MORE GRIST FOR THE MILL.
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